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House-building societies on co-operative lines.

390 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to give details of allotment, districtwar, of funds placed at the disposal of Government for utilization by house-building societies on co-operative lines during the years 1922–23 and 1923–24 ?

A.—No funds were allotted for the purpose in 1922–23.

For 1923–24 a sum of Rs. 4,00,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Registrar who has not made any districtwar allotment but has been dealing with the applications for loans as they were received. The following statement shows the amounts which have hitherto been sanctioned for the several districts and the applications now pending with the Registrar :—

District.	Amount already sanctioned.	Amount yet to be sanctioned to complete construction of houses.	Amount for which loan applications are pending investigation or sanction.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
North Arcot	43,500	28,450	23,800
South Arcot	29,000	16,419	...
Bellary	8,000	16,350	...
Chingleput	7,050	...	...
South Kanara ...	7,620	...	21,200
Madras	63,750	...	...
Kistna	24,450	3,300	...
Madura	20,000	42,000	...
Tinnevelly	15,000	...	...
Salem	...	...	2,000
	2,18,370	1,06,519	47,000

Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

391 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the principles on which appointments of Honorary Assistant Registrars are made ;

(b) whether all those who have been appointed so far have been appointed solely with reference to those principles ; and

(c) whether he will lay on the table a statement of the work done by these Honorary Assistant Registrars during the year 1923 ?

A.—(a) It is the policy of the Government to appoint Honorary Assistant Registrars from amongst actual active workers in the movement.

(b) This principle is followed whenever local conditions render it possible to do so.

(c) The information is not available.

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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to the answers given to (a) and (b), may I know what are the principles guiding their appointments when 'actual active workers in the movement' are not available ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" It is not obligatory on the part of the Government to appoint assistant registrars. If proper men are available the Government appoint such men, otherwise not."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chettiyar :—" With regard to answer to clause (c), may I know if no information is available because there is no work done by them ?"

Mr. Abbas Ali Khan :—" Will the Minister be pleased to consider the claims of the Muhammadans, if any ?"

Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu :—" With reference to clause (b), I wish to know further how many honorary assistant registrars have so far been appointed and how many of them have been appointed in accordance with the principles laid down in answer to clause (a) ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" The answer, if attempted, will involve the analysis of the appointment of 89 men."

Appointment of Nadars as Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

392 Q.—Mr. P. K. S. A. Arumuga Nadar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is no Nadar appointed as Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the southern districts ?

A.—It is so.

Mr. P. K. S. A. Arumuga Nadar :—" May I know whether there is any special reason for not appointing any Nadar ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" Want of proper men."

Mr. P. K. S. A. Arumuga Nadar :—" What are the qualifications ?"

Mr R. Veerian :—" How many Adi-Dravidas have been appointed up to this as honorary registrars ?"

Co-operative Credit Societies for scavengers, etc., in Malabar.

393 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the names of all the municipalities that have already started Co-operative Credit Societies and Stores within the Malabar district for scavengers and other menials ; and

(b) the names of all the municipalities that have not already organized or started Co-operative Credit Societies and Stores within the Malabar district for scavengers and other menials ?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.